

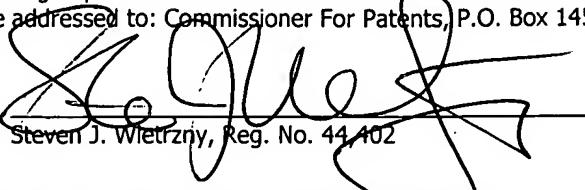


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Ronald R. Hinckey, Jr.  
**Application No.:** 10/608,668  
**Filing Date:** June 27, 2003  
**Title:** ROTARY VANE PUMP  
WITH MULTIPLE SOUND DAMPENED INLET PORTS  
**Group Art No:** 3748  
**Confirmation No.:** 7088  
**Examiner:** Vrablik, John J.  
**Atty. Docket No.:** 900093.92626

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 4, 2004, please enter into the record of the above application the following amendment.

1. Page 2 discusses proposed changes to the drawings.
2. Pages 3-5 contain amendments to the specification.
3. Pages 6-8 contain claim amendments.
4. Pages 9-12 contain remarks.

Drawing Amendment:

Proposed changes to Figures 1, 3 and 4 are shown in red on the enclosed drawing sheets titled "Annotated Marked-up Drawings". Specifically, ports 30, 32 and 34 are shown in phantom in Figure 1, reference numerals 40, 42, 56, 58, 60, 62 and 64 are shown in Figure 3, and a filter --74-- is being added to Figure 4.

A new set of formal drawings is also enclosed with each sheet titled "Replacement Sheet".